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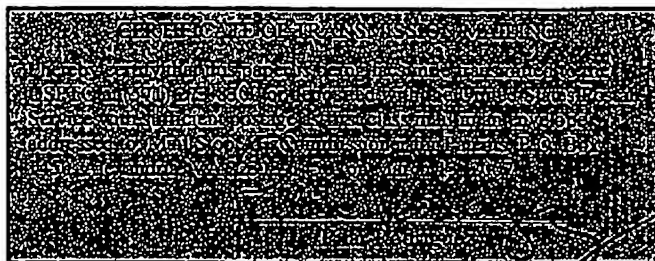
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3729

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Naoto MATONO
SERIAL NO. : 10/802,596
FILING DATE : March 16, 2004
FOR : A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A MAGNETIC HEAD
ART UNIT : 3729
EXAMINER : Anthony D. Tugbang

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.